

(A) IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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(B) Filed: Herewith

For: HIGH PRESSURE SEED POTATO CUTTER

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached hereto is Form PTO-1449 listing documents believed relevant to the subject application. It is respectfully requested that these documents be considered by the examiner and an initialed copy of each form be returned to the undersigned.

(c) This disclosure statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a) exists.

(D) It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures § 609. If for some reason the examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be called so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

(E) A copy of each document is enclosed.

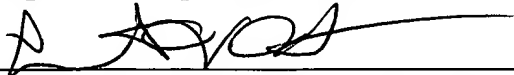
(F) These documents are not necessarily analogous art.

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- (G) The relevance of each document will now be discussed.
- (H) The 5,934,186 Alberga, et al. patent generally discloses a packaging system for dry lasagna noodle product wherein a water knife is used to cut the lasagna in half prior to packaging.
- (I) The 5,685,053 Deonarine et al. patent generally discloses label removing stations for receiving objects from a supply conveyor, where each station has a set of fluid jet cutters where each station has a set of fluid jet cutters for removing the labels.
- (J) The 5,528,967 Maroney patent generally discloses a fruit slicing apparatus which severs small fruits into two hemispherical sections, where the fruit is held securely in place while a fluid jet emits a fruit slicing fluid.
- (K) The 5,031,496 Lobash et al. patent generally discloses a method of moving frozen slabs of fish by conveyor and cutting into individual portions by a water jet device.
- (L) The 4,913,044 Heath patent generally discloses an apparatus for cutting a worked object such as fruit or olives utilizing high pressure fluid.
- (M) The 4,876,934 Fagan et al. patent generally discloses a hydraulic splitter for cutting dough pieces carried on a conveyor to form a chevron shaped pattern on the dough pieces.
- (N) The 4,787,178 Morgan et al. patent generally discloses a conveyor belt and a nozzle fluid jet cutter assembly for cutting sheets of glass.

(O) The 3,688,828 Peterson patent generally discloses a potato seed cutting machine using knives as are commonly used in the industry.

Respectfully submitted,


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